

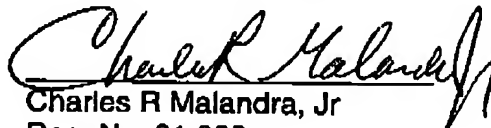
Application No. 10/692,569
Docket No. F-736

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. In the Office Action mailed on May 4, 2005, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the groups of claims consisting of 1-10 and 24-30 and Group II consisting of claims 11-23.

In response to this restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the Group II claims, consisting of claims consisting of claims 11-23. However, Applicants request that Group I and Group II be examined together because the search would be co-extensive, and there would be no additional burden on the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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